

1. WELCOME & THANKS

Heavenly Father – Lord of Hosts and creator of all that is in the Heavens, on the earth, in the skies above, under the earth and under the seas. Thank you for bringing us here today so that we may to praise you and bring these our supplications to you in the name of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Responses

**As we are gathered we ask this in Jesus name
Hear our prayer**

1. Coronavirus

Dear Lord, tomorrow our COVID restrictions will be lifted and life may return to normal. Please guide us so that we may treat this new freedom with caution so that the current wave should not escalate. We pray for your help in combating the virus elsewhere, especially in the Far East which is now struggling to cope with the Delta variant. Please ensure that those that have the vaccine will come to the aid of those who have neither the technology nor the resources to be self-sufficient. In particular we pray for the people of Thailand where we understand that the Chinese vaccine has proved to be ineffective.

Please comfort those who have suffered the loss of family and friends and also those who are suffering the long term effects of the virus. At the same time we thank you for restoring to us all those who have been healed.

People have suffered from the effects of isolation, others have lost their jobs and more may yet do so. Please bring relief to those who are so affected.

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2. OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Lord Jesus. Bless our families and bind us together in love. Send your spirit to work among those whose relationships have broken down or are under stress, especially those who are suffering from the privations of lockdown and isolation.

We give thanks for all those who serve and help us in so many ways. Grant our leaders wisdom, your wisdom from above, in their dealings with us and in return give us the courage to reach out and help those around us.

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6. THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Heavenly Father, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled. Today we pray for:

Zacharay Sayers, Karen Wade, Karin Vallis, Angela Fox, Samantha Sayers, Karin Vallis, Angela Fox, Oli Kemp, Allan Brown, April Cane, Christian (Karin's brother), Margaret Horwood, William, Sheila Marsh, Ross Alberto, Margaret Gillespie and all those who are known to us but not listed here.

Please bless all those who care for them. Give them the strength to persevere and keep them safe. We give thanks especially for the front line health workers who have placed themselves and continue to do so at great risk.

We give thanks for those, who in your mercy you have healed and returned to us.

But for those who must leave us – please grant them peace and dignity and we pray that you will reach down and comfort those that they leave behind. We pray especially for the families and friends of those who are known to us and in particular:

Ron Bowler, Kim Cyster, Paul Warren and Margaret Joiner

We pray that you have prepared a place at your table for them and have already welcomed them into your presence.

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7. OURSELVES

Heavenly Father, through your dear Son you have promised us that your spirit will be with us forever. As we approach Pentecost, inspire us in our worship. We ask this especially for those who are struggling to find you. Walk with us so that when we falter raise us up.

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8. THANKS

Heavenly Father - It is such a privilege for us to be able to carry everything to you in prayer. We know that all that is good comes from you alone. We thank you for all the blessings that we have received. Help us to be worthy of them.

We thank you bringing us here today and for listening to us.

**Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.**

